

*#26 Auction for Nov 2004*

## AB9EK

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Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club  
 Board of Directors meeting  
 January 24, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	Presided	President
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Present	Vice-president
K9LCQ	Brian White	Present	Secretary (acting)
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Present	Treasurer
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Present	Director
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Present	Director
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Present	Director
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmberg	Present	Director
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Present	Director

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Patrick W9UQ.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report and 2004 budget were distributed and the report read by Tom, AB9EK.

The 2004 budget expense report was discussed, missing was the amount to donate to Redemption.

Shelving and a small additional amount for Field Day food were over budget.

There was a discussion how much the club should donate to Redemption for the use of their Fellowship Hall. In the past the club has donated time, equipment or money. BOD was assigned the task on how to donate to the Redemption.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report as read.  
 The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no objections.

A discussion concerning reserving the Fellowship. The Secretary has been assigned the primary responsibility to reserve the hall.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting minutes from the last board meeting and general meeting were distributed by Brian, K9LCQ

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the last board minutes. Board members are to read the meeting minutes and forward any corrections to K9LCQ.

The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no objections.

Tom AB9EK questioned the mention of club mandate of having some type of demonstration at membership meeting for visitors in response to the effort of promoting amateur in schools.

Tom wanted to know if the membership did not want to promote the club.

It was explained the club have a plan for dealing with visitors who may show up at a meeting. Should we have a working station?

A lengthy discussion for improving membership participation ensued.

It was decided that at the January a table will be setup with 5 clipboards for member to choose an activity to participate in. The five activates selected were:

1. Field Day
2. Membership
3. Program
4. Friday Night Net control(?) 2 meter 10 meter
5. Refreshment
6. Tour of the weather office

The BOD should show no later than 6:15pm to assist in setting up.

Upcoming visit to the weather forecast office

Brian K9LCQ presented the plan and preparations for the tour.

The weather office tour will be March 5th (primary) with as the rain date March 12th (backup).

20 people maximum no fewer then 10 were promised.

There will be a tour and video

Need firm commitment to attend.

The tour starts at 10:30am

Maps & directions will be available at the next meeting.

An additional clip board will be needed for signing up.

Poster:

Joe KA9DFZ gave a report on the distribution of the posters promoting Amateur radio. There are:

Ten posters at Menominee Falls.

Fifty posters at West Allis/West Milwaukee.

One poster in Oak Creek.

Milwaukee and Brookfield are still considering it looks promising.

Only Wauwatosa and Waukesha have rejected the posters.

An additional cost of \$25 for the posters.

Disjointed discussion on classes, station setup at the meeting, name tags. Posters for focused on inviting citizens rather than students.

How many students have signed up. None

Tom will get stick-on name tags with Sharpie for Thursdays meeting.

A CD for visitors with promotion material. More discussion on Thursday at the meeting. Howard will take ownership. Contact Howard with any ideas on what should be included.

2005 renewal form has the wrong data. It was corrected before it was published in the Chatter.

History flyer should be made available.

Patrick received a phone call from the son of W9RH Oscar? Wants to know if we are interested in any of his father's memorabilia. put him touch with Dave DeFbo.

#### Upcoming technician's class

Howard reported that we have permission from AES we need only contact them a week prior to the class. Flyers are at AES posting have een made on the internet. Email is on the ARRL Wisconsin Section.

Tom suggested that the class be free. Fifteen 'Now Your Talking' books have been donated. Discussion if we should charge a deposit for the manual. It was decided that there would be neither a deposit for the manual nor charge for class. The books will be loaners not to be marked in, or the student may purchase the book. Students will not be required to buy the book. The books will be marked as property of MRAC.

Announcement will be changed on the Website and the Public Service Net. Flyers will be changed. Howard will update the Website and flyers.

The instructors will be Patrick W9UQ, Howard AB9EK and Tom AB9EK on week to week basis.

On March 5th the class will start at 1:00PM or the class maybe cancelled due to the fact that there is built in rain date. To be determined.

#### Meeting Programs

January's will be Dick talk and grounding.

February's meeting will be the clipboards (signup sheets). Committee Review.

Discussion on how to come up with future meeting programs.

Members should renew their ARRL membership through the club.

Patrick will do a program on digital photography at some time.

We need more member participation Field Day was discussed. General discussion on comments received from membership. Nels may not be our chef for Field Day his interest in ham radio waned.

#### Stream lining some of our processes

Do we create unnecessary work for ourselves? We will discuss this item at a future meeting.

Joe doesn't see a lot of interest in 2 meters. Discussion on the repeater and who locally uses the repeater and 2 meters. Local repeaters are generally used during drive time and for public service events.

#### Projector for meetings

Patrick reports that the price for a good projector is \$999.99 for a good one. Research will continue searching for a projector to present to the clu for purchase consideration.

#### OTHER:

Tom AB9EK wants to know if we should be at Superfest at AES on April 1st and 2nd. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the club will have a presence at Superfest

Tom AB9EK asked if K9LCQ will continue on as Secretary. A discussion followed that morphed into email problems members are having.

A discussion on the potential of a new Website. Howard checks the Website every couple of days. He has not noticed any inability to connect. Tom AB9EK has experienced problems connecting. We have no knowledge on how often the Website is visited. Patrick suggested the future Chatter distributions be handled as a download from the Website. There was general agreement that the board that this is the method we should follow. If we are to go to another Website must be more professional than it is now. Howard wants more input on what to have and what services we want to provide on the Website. Forms? Tom AB9EK explained what his IPS provides for Web pages. What should we expect from a service provider?

1. What does the club want for a Website?
2. What is the purpose of the Website?
3. How are we going to implement the Website?
4. How are we going to maintain the Website?

We will then worry about a provider. The Website must be planned before we change. The Website will be tool for the board. A lot of club business could be done on the Website.

The club will get a domain name.

K9LCQ announced that he would be unable to fulfill the duties of Secretary for the month of March, and possibly for the next three years due to other commitments. He is running for public office and if elected will have major scheduling conflicts with MRAC events. K9LCQ will continue with the duties of secretary as through February.

K9LCQ also stated will also miss the January and February membership meeting do to conflicts with an EMCOMM III class he is taking. If he should prove to be unsuccessful in his bid for public office he will resume the duties of secretary after April 5th.

K9LCQ indicated that he is not happy with the current state of the Website. It is often out of date. Dates pass, and it takes weeks or months to be updated. Pancho KA9OFA, asked how quickly the Chatter is posted. Howard responded as quickly as possible sometimes within 5 minutes.

K9LCQ continued other information is stagnate. It looks poorly on the club for example the Xmas party that was held on Dec 8th was not removed until last night. Too many items remain on the Website past the point of their usefulness. He continued stating that the Website must be kept current. Perhaps more individuals need to be involved in the maintenance of the Website.

We need a plan before we move to a professional Website. We need a better plan for the Website.

What type and how many emails should we have?

Discussion on likes and dislikes on Websites.

Respectfully submitted;  
Brian White, K9LCQ Secretary (acting)

Addition 1: I should make the Weather Forecast Office tour since that is a morning activity. That afternoon is already booked already be it March 5th or March 12th.

K9LCQ

Addition 2: There is a possibility that I might make the March meetings. It will be very dependent on how well or poorly the campaign is going as well as the weather. It will be a last minute call. K9LCQ

# Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

Board of Directors meeting

February 22, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Presided
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Present
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary (acting)	Present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Vice-president	Present
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
WA9CGE	Jerry Walhen	Director	Present
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Present
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmberg	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Absent
	Member	Visitor	

## Call To Order – Patrick W9UQ

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Patrick W9UQ.

## Secretary's Report – Patrick W9UQ

A motion was made to approve the Januarys secretary's report as read.  
The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no objections.

## Treasurer's Report – Tom AB9EK:

The treasurer's report was distributed and read by Tom, AB9EK.  
A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report as read.  
The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no objections.

## Weather Office Tour Progress Report – Brian K9LCQ:

Brian explained that he made maps and directions to the NWS to be distributed at the membership meeting on Thursday. There are 12 members committed to the tour he would like 8 more. If 8 slots are not filled at the membership meeting we would open the tour to other interested parties.

## **Sign-Up Sheets – Patrick W9UQ**

Refreshment committee

Les Hunt

John Peterson

Dave Griffin

Membership and promotion

Joe Sturberg

Field Day

Dick Wood

Pancho Doneis

Howard Parks

Sara Parks

Les

Dave Griffin

John Merkle

Program:

Dick wood

Friday Nets

10 Meters

Dick

Pancho

Brad

2 meter

??

## **Old Business**

### **Membership Meeting – Patrick W9UQ**

At the next membership meeting tables will be set-up to discuss the sign-up sheets.

Members will be encouraged to participate at one of the tables. One table for each of sign-up sheets. After a half hour 45 minutes a spokesperson for the table will present to the membership the ideas the table came up with.

A discussion followed on how to increase net participation.

A net summary at the membership meeting.

### **FM Simplex**

A discussion on the FM simplex contest should we have two?

Dick will talk to Sherm.

A discussion on the exchange that was made at the last membership meeting between a former member and an MRAC officer.

Joe will issue a certificate of membership to the members.

Joe mentioned that the ARRL is running ads for membership.

Joe suggested the club buy better PA system.

Long discussion on the way things were.

Brief discussion on dues, new member attraction and increase member participation either financial, activity or otherwise. We need more new members. Patrick indicated that he would like to see twenty dollars worth of effort from each member. Suggested an idea that a member could contribute by presenting a program.

Patrick returned to discussion about the clubs PA system. The club has three microphones. All work but one is 5 KHz off frequency.

A discussion on microphones and the church PA system. We will try and contact Jim Tromblay WB9LNU.

Jerry has club equipment that he would like someone else to keep. The club banner, receiver two microphones.

Discussion on the clubs PA.

Brian K9LCQ – Explained that another club he belongs to uses work hours to offset some of the cost of that clubs dues.

Sticks on name tags were good as well a greeting table.

Discussion BPL and wireless internet.

The program for March will digital photography

#### **New Business**

We are all set for AES Superfest.

Tom AB9EK suggested that the elections beheld to coincide with the fiscal year. Discussion ensued. Concerns about non members voting. December is a non meeting month. Should the fiscal year be changed to May? Howard will review the by-laws and prepare a presentation to the board. To be place in the Chatter for March.

Tom AB9EK brought up the bylaws that a board member does not have to chair the Field Day. The MRAC does not have to hold a Field Day if a chairman is not found.

Patrick W9UK explained that the business portion of the meeting is to inform the membership of board decisions not all decisions need to be approved by the membership.

Howard gave an update on the progress of the new Website. Jerry with the "Boy Scouts" to offer some assistance. Joe KA9DFZ suggested that we approach the boy and girl scouts for recruitment. Lots of discussion no resolution.

Discussion about the tower climbing article. Does the club have any liability because we published the article? Jerry to talk to his attorney.

**Meeting adjourned – Patrick W9UQ**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm by Patrick W9UQ.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary (acting)  
Brian White, K9LCQ

# Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

Board of Directors meeting

March 28, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Presided
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Present
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary (acting)	Present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Vice-president	Present
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
WA9CGE	Jerry Walhen	Director	Absent
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Present
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmburg	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Absent

## **Call to Order – Patrick W9UQ**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Patrick W9UQ.

## **Secretary's Report – Brian K9LCQ**

Brian K9LCQ explained the entire Board meeting minutes from February have not been transcribed. He has been under a major time constraints. The minutes as completed was read.

Howard AB9FH brought up the issue of the microphone being off frequency as being missed.

Pancho KA9OFA mentioned that Jerry had order a new crystal. Since this was not mentioned at the board meeting it will not be part of the February meeting minutes.

Patrick W9UQ mentioned that we need a net preamble, certificate of membership, increase membership participation; ensure that when a vote from the membership is required only paid members are allowed to vote and Website update.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as designed. *Amended?*

Pancho KA9OFA made the motion to accept, Hal KB9OZN seconded.

The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no objections.

Brian K9LCQ stated the minutes would be completed sometime after April 5<sup>th</sup>.

The minutes for February will be reviewed at the April meeting.

*Editors Note: I was unable to complete the meeting minutes for the February meeting since it does require me to listen to the tape a couple of times. That would 4 to 6 hours plus typing time. Running for public office does consume most of my free time.*

### **Treasurer's Report – Tom AB9EK**

Tom read the treasures report, see *his report for details*

Patrick W9UQ expressed his opinion that he liked the format of the report. There was agreement among the board's members that Tom's format was on the acceptable. Tom does a good job.

Tom mentioned New member Peter Smith KC9HEL

*Editors Note: Peter's has a vanity call W9SAA*

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report as read.

Pancho KA9OFA made the motion to accept, Brian K9LCQ seconded.

The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no objections.

### **Old Business – Patrick W9UQ**

#### **Membership Status – Patrick W9UQ**

Tom AB9EK informed the board that we have 67 paid members that would include regular and family memberships. We have 8 life members with Chatter and 16 life without Chatter for a total of 91 members.

Pancho asked how many members we had last year. A discussion about how many members had paid this year versus last; is membership increasing or decreasing was the late renewal notice placed in the Chatter. Multiple discussions were occurring amongst the board simultaneously.

Tom indicated the finances were fine at the current time but we need to get some of the unpaid members to pay their dues.

The board decided that the April Chatter will be the last Chatter unpaid members will receive.

Pancho was directed to include a final Chatter warning for members who have not paid their dues.

Tom stated the he will remove unpaid members from the active membership list.

Brian wanted to know if the unpaid members were participating in club activities.

A discussion followed.

Joe wanted to know if there is any enforcement or friendly persuasion to get the members to pay their dues.

A discussion followed. The club will welcome visitors and encourage them to join.

Patrick suggested we find out why members who are attending club functions but are not paying their dues. We should find out if they have a reason personal financial? Use a gentle strong arm.

Tom also stated the Fred Linn is in Quincy Illinois living with his daughter.

#### **Classes – Patrick W9UQ**

Howard AB9FH informed us that one of the members of the last class we held would make us a sign what kind of sign unknown. Howard did not know his name.

Patrick mentioned that call was over and that one measure of success was the ratio of class members to take the exam and pass to those that do not pass. Also a measure of success would be the student's feedback on the class. Patrick indicated that the 11 students were happy and grateful.

Joe KA9DFZ suggested he hold classes 3 or 4 times a year.

A discussion followed yes we should and some scheduling conflicts among the instructors that arose. Possible solutions to scheduling conflicts were discussed.

We should try a two day class.

A parent suggested that we should have a "little kid" class to teach just the answers.

The two day class would be for those who have already studied for the exam and need a little extra help before taking the exam.

Patrick explained how the classes in Madison are handled.

The MRAC VE's do not wish to give exams after any class due to remove any appearance of impropriety.

Tom indicated that he has received inquiries to additional class.

Howard stated that he referred a seeing impaired individual to Handihams.

#### **New Business – Patrick W9UQ**

##### **Projectors**

Action item assigned to Howard investigate video projectors. Patrick will provide the web address to PC Connection.

### **Great Midwest Relay Race – Patrick W9UQ**

Don Michalski W9IXG would like to use our repeater for the event on June 10 & 11 we would the primary repeater.

A motion was made and approved was made to allow the Don the use of our repeater.

Dave (WB9BWP) should check to see if the repeater ID can be changed to the letter N for this event.

### **Gordon West – Patrick W9UQ**

On Channel 6 with Gus on Friday morning before Super Fest

### **SuperFest – Patrick W9UQ**

Pancho will be there on Friday and Saturday. Bob W9IWK will be there for setup and manning the table on Friday. As many board members as possible should man the table on Saturday.

Brian indicated the he would not be able to attend on Saturday but would drop off the FM simplex certificates on Friday after work.

### **Membership Certificate – Patrick W9UQ**

Joe presented a certificate he received when he first joined the club. A discussion followed on the certificate, printing options costs, redoing the certificates including the changing of the font to be consistent. Other membership items patches, jackets logos extra were also talked about.

Patrick will make changes to the membership certificate for the next board meetings.

A signup sheet for certificate will be maintained.

### **PA System - Joe**

Joe asked about the PA system. Tom indicated the club had authorized an \$200 for a new PA system.

The trials and tribulations of the current PA system were discussed.

The board decide to delay the purchase a new PA for the time being.

### **Membership Promotion Committee**

Rick Kissell

Russell Cox

Rick Kissell wants a tape for high schools from the ARRL that promotes amateur radio. Wants to send out post cards to local hams and new hams.

A discussion on past requirement attempts ensued.

**Chatter – Pancho KA9OFA**

March will be the last Chatter for non-paying members.

Pancho stated that articles for the Chatter should be submitted by the 7<sup>th</sup>. His email address has been corrected.

**NWS Tour**

Joe commended Brian on his arranging of the tour of the weather office.

**Membership Certificate, Roster and By-Laws – Patrick W9UQ**

Brian objected to charging for certificate for new members.

Tom would like to have certificate, rosters, and by-laws available in July or August a vote was taken not to charge for the certificate. A member must request a membership package that would include a roster, By-Laws and certificate none would be mailed. The member must show up at a meeting to pick up their packet.

**Program Chairman – Dick W9JBE**

No significant activity

**Field Day Chairman – Jerry WA9CGE (absent)**

Jerry will take over the duties if he can get additional help. Pancho indicated that he has volunteered.

Pancho does not know if there were any other volunteers.

**Meeting Protocol – Patrick W9UQ**

Tom suggested if there is additional club business to transact it should be completed before the break. The members should stick around for the programs as the gentlemanly thing to do. We should show respect for the presenter. There was disagreement among the members some feeling the members can leave when they want and others feel we should require the members to stay for the program. Reasons why members may want to or need to leave were discussed. The issue was not resolved the meeting protocol will remain as is.

**Field Day location – Patrick W9UQ**

We need to send a letter to the Ozaukee County Historical Society. Mark AB9CD handled the interface last year this was a mistake on the part of the board.

Joe asked some questions about Field Day these questions were answered and expounded upon.

Fred Linn was our contact with the OCHS

Joe left the meeting.

A suggestion to write a letter to OCHS, Pancho will find out who the contact person at OCHS is.

We tried placing a call to Fred Linn we were able to obtain Fred Linn's daughter from the operator.

### **Programs – Patrick W9UQ**

Joe will give his program on Operation Market Garden

Patrick explained that in the past we setup a list, each board member was given the responsibility for hosting a board meeting and arranging for a program.

Discussion for about future programs no action taken.

Mark AB9EK has rejoined the club.

### **Field Day (revisited)**

Pancho will get contact information from Fred Linn and then pass the information on to Tom how will write a letter to the OCHS

Food budget was set at \$250. Soft drinks from last year were used at the meeting. Nels participation was discussed and remained unresolved.

We need help Jerry with Field Day. We will help Jerry but he needs to keep the volunteers informed of his plans.

We need a Field Day committee!

The Field Day committee shall publish a list on duties and tasks that need to be done.

The board needs to inform Jerry what we expect of him for Field Day.

### **Field Day (revisited)**

Howard will contact Jerry to volunteer for Field Day at the same time will try to find out what Jerry needs and what board needs from Jerry. Howard will try to establish a working dialog with Jerry.

### **Programs (revisited)**

Howard made a motion that "The board should prepare a calendar and starting with board members should take responsibility for providing a program for that meeting either be presenting it themselves or arranging to have it presented."

Brian K9LCQ seconded

The motion pass with one opposed Tom AB9EK.

Patrick will publish the calendar.

**Club Assets – Tom AB9EK**

Tom wants a list from all members with a list of club equipment so that he can update the list. An inventory of assets at OCHS will need to be completed.

Access to club assets at Pioneer Village was discussed.

Tom will take care of the list of club assets. Pancho will contact Jim Trombley for information on club assets.

**Auction/Election for May – Brian K9LCQ**

The club needs to publish the auction and Jerry's, Pancho's and Dick's term are to expire this term

Information to be published in the April Chatter and announced at the April meeting.

Pancho will bring equipment for connecting the club PA gear to the church PA to the membership meeting.

**Meeting adjourned – Patrick W9UQ**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm by Patrick W9UQ.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary (acting)  
Brian White, K9LCQ

# Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

## Board of Directors meeting

April 26, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Absent
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Presided
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary (acting)	Present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Treasurer	Present
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Director	Present
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Present
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmberg	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Present

### Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm by Howard AB9EF. Howard explained that Patrick would not be attending tonight's meeting.

### Secretary's Report:

Brian distributed for the February and March BOD meeting minutes. The February minutes were not available at the March meeting and were to be reviewed at this meeting.

While the board was reviewing the minutes there was:

- A discussion about Gordon West on Channel 6 (TV) on Friday before SuperFest occurred.
- Joe, questioned if Patrick would be at the Thursday meeting. Pancho stated the Patrick would be at the general meeting.

After reviewing the minutes some corrections were presented.

- 1.) Jerry's last name was misspelled should be Wahlen.
- 2.) Hal and Jerry had corrections for attendance.
- 3.) Dick and not Joe will be giving the program for the April meeting.
- 4.) Tom should be treasurer not vice-president.
- 5.) John Peterson KA9DLK, was identified as the guest at the February meeting

**Note:** *The secretary will make the corrections and redistribute the corrected minutes.*

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes pending the corrections the motion was seconded by Hal.

The motion passed on a voice vote

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tom read the treasurer's report

**Note:** See the *Treasurers report for details.*

During the reading of the report there was:

- A discussion on how to attract new members.
- A status of the latest class participants.

A Pancho made a motion to accept the report as read the motion was seconded by Joe.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

**Old Business:**

**Field Day**

Howard stated the Jerry has agreed to continue as Field Day chairman and that he has agreed to help Jerry, but would be unable to assist on Sunday morning.

Jerry explained that he would be available overnight on 80 and 40.

Jerry showed a printout of what the Ozaukee County Historical Society (OCHS) has provided on their Website for our Field Day. The text on the site was edited from what was provided by Jerry.

Jerry and Mark AB9CD, have been in contact with the chairman of the OCHS.

We have (and other users of Pioneer Village) have been requested to help with a general cleanup of the park in preparation for the summer season. Al, the caretaker has rotator cuff surgery. The OCHS will hopefully be in contact the Jerry as the details are worked out for the general cleanup.

The chairman indicated that last year we left the park in better condition then when we walked in. That is a feather in our cap. We always cleanup are we are done.

Jerry stated that everything is in place as far as he is concerned for Field Day

Nels WA9YAL and Melody have agreed to be the cooks.

Jerry stated that he will head up probably on Saturday. Al will supervise the clean up. There should be no strenuous labor.

Pancho wanted to know about a ladder; Jerry indicated that he would have an 18' foot ladder at Field Day

Jerry stated that WKTM Hartford and WGLB Port Washington, and WBKD(?) West Bend have been provided with announcements. WKTM has agreed to run the announcements the weekend before and during their weekday noon slot the week before.

WTMJ radio will also probably make announcements.

Howard asked if Jerry needed help the announcements, Jerry replied that the Field Day package contains examples of announcements and as chairman of Field Day he has taken care of the announcements.

Joe stated the Milwaukee Journal /Sentinel has a what's going around town section. He sent in a notice for your upcoming meeting on Thursday. He offered to send a notice for Field Day. Joe will be doing this every month.

General discussion about past individual attempts and the results.

Hal asked about help. Jerry explained his biggest issue is with logging. Jerry wants two people at every operating station and when logging, log in the Cabrillo format. General discussion on logging problems ensued. We need to keep the stations coordinated.

The time, band, station and section must be recorded correctly.

Setup should not be a problem tear down could use more help

The biggest issue the time of operation, the site indicates that we will be operating Sunday until 4:00PM. Because we setup before Noon we are required to stop at 1:00PM on Sunday.

We need to identify visitors to the Field Day site. Jerry and Mark have proposed to the OCHS the Field Day parameter be marked with yellow tape and that the Field Day amateurs where be required to wear a badge identify them. Wondering off the Field Day area will require an admission fee to the other sites at the park.

More discussion on issues the past Field Days.

There will be non Friday night activities, OCHS has liability concerns.

### **Microphones**

Discussion on the microphones. The nonworking microphone has a damaged connector Jerry stated that it is not repairable and will be scrapped.

Radio Shack has the microphone on clearance for \$19.99 and has one on hold at a Radio Shack.

### **PA System**

Dick wanted to know if the video projector has a pa system.

WB9LNU donated an amplifier can be interfaced to the churches PA system. Dick clarified he wants to connect his VCR to a PA system. Discussion on found on a VCR. It was decided that Dick should bring his VCR and we will find out if it can be used on

Thursday. Since we are not certain of the capabilities of his video projector Dick will contact Patrick.

#### **Membership**

Joe asked if there has been any reaction to the posters. Tom mentioned that K9QEN is teaching hams at the Machine Shed and inquired about testing. Information was passed on to John Kraak.

Howard asked how many people signed up for the membership certificate. Pancho stated that they would be available for the meeting.

#### **Elections**

A discussion on the directors running for the board and how to ensure that only members vote.

Jerry discussed the article in the March Chatter about helping Peter Smith installing a vertical antenna on his roof. We should not provide this service due to liability issues. This also applies to the request for assistance at MSOE. Discussions

This may be a problem since the election is held during the month of May. The May meeting often has a higher than normal number of visitors.

Jerry, Pancho and Dick will run for director ship.

#### **Repeater**

Discussion on the request for the Great Midwest Relay Race to use our repeater. Much discussion on Sherm's objections to the use of the repeater. The discussion was tabled by Howard as not relevant to the meeting at hand.

#### **Education**

Howard informed the board the most of the people who took the Technician class passed the exam.

Jerry informed the board the Dick WB9PTC is out of intensive care and into critical care. Buck K9RYW and Milan N9IDX have taken over the shared responsibility for code practice on the air.

#### **Nets**

Howard asked about changing the 10 meter net to a different band.

Jerry talked about having a preamble. Howard mentioned that he now has a HF radio. Jerry listed the net control stations for the different nets.

General discussion on the nets.

#### **Voting**

Hal retabled the discussion on to keep non-members from voting at our elections. Discussion on pass elections. Tom stated that it was his belief that the fiscal year and term should coincide. Discussion continued without resolution.

### **New Business**

About tapes for promoting the ARRL morphed into licensee examination trying. Discussion morphed in to future programs from a list Patrick was to provide.

Tom read from the By-Laws the requirement for voting. Tom stated that it was his belief that the fiscal year and term should coincide. Discussion continued without resolution.

### **Harry Cieszki**

Pancho suggested he send Harry family some flowers. He also gave a brief history on Harry and the MRAC. We were unable to determine where to send the flowers. There has discussion on how inconstant the board has become when a member becomes a silent key. It was suggested that the board develop a policy. Howard started a motion that we send a memorial. A second was not received. A vote was taken to send a memorial it passed there were dissenting votes. More discussion on the lack of specifics in the motion. A dollar amount was not set nor where to send the memorial. Howard than suggested we make a new motion to address the issues raised. The obituary that Pancho could not address the issues or questions that were raised. It was decided to drop the suggestion. It was again brought we have been terribly inconsistent in our action to the passing of members. Treasury funds were brought up and future purchase such as the video projector and repeater controller Mark wants to purchase. Joe wants to spend the money as way grow the club. Tom explained we have how the funds are divided VEs, repeater CD etc. Heated discussion many talking at once "The problem is we have problems recruiting new members." "How will sending flowers to Harry draw in new members." Jerry stated that 28 out of 30 who sign the sign in log are members, the question is how many are paid members? We need a way to get those that attend to become paid members. A discussion was held a restricting access to the Chatter. After much discussion it was decided the Chatter will remain available electronically. Brian made a motion that the webmaster will delay the availability of the Chatter off the Website by three months. The May Chatter would not be posted until the July Chatter became available. Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote. Howard will wait until July to post the May Chatter.

### **Chatter proof reading.**

Pancho indicated a need to additional proof reading. Howard offered to help. The current state of proof reading was discussed. It will be up to Pancho to have the Chatter ready for proof reading to allow the proof reader sufficient time to complete the task.

Joe left the meeting at 8:18PM

Home schooling

Howard discussed the request received from a home schooler to have someone talk about ham radio. Discussion on home schooling and parent and child amateurs. Howard will follow-up on the request.

Howard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pancho made the motion and was seconded by Dick. The motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary (acting)  
Brian White, K9LCQ

# Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

## Board of Directors meeting

May 23, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Presided
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Present
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary	Present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Treasurer	Absent
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Director	Present
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Present
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmberg	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Present
AB9CD	Mark Tellier	Member	Present

### Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm by Patrick W9UQ.

### Treasurer's Report:

Tom had emailed his report to the board members with email access. Patrick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the report. There were none.

There was no motion made to approve the minutes.

*Note: See the Treasurers report for details.*

### Secretary's Report:

Brian read the meetings from the April meeting. A tremendous amount of off topic discussion ensued. A correction to the meeting minutes by Patrick. The meeting was presided over by Howard, AB9FH not by Patrick.

Pancho pointed out that Hal has also volunteered to proof read the Chatter.

Patrick called for a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was made by Hal and seconded by Pancho.

Passed by voice vote.

### Old Business:

#### Field Day

Jerry talked about Field Day plans are in place just need help for setup. Patrick asked about clean-up a discussion ensued with input by Howard. We will not be doing

computer logging. We will be using paper logs. When a operator starts the log is to be signed and also when a operator quits the log is to be signed.

Jerry asked about insurance, who pays if someone is injured. There was discussion on which building they want painted. We should bring ladders. The insurance is a action item for Howard. Howard suggested the 18<sup>th</sup> as our workday.

**Classes:**

Howard would like to do a General class. He has two people wanting to take the Technician class a couple of people for Extra. A Technician and General class will be held, an action item for Howard is to determine dates.

**Election:**

Tom to provide a roster of paid up members for the election. This roster will be used if there are nominations for the floor at the membership meeting. A lengthy discussion on how to conduct the election and ballots ensued. Howard made a motion to have the ballots printed listing the three known nominees with space reserved for a write-in. The ballots will only be used if a nominee accepts on Thursday. If there are no nominations from the floor the election will be a voice vote. The motion was seconded Hal. The motion passed by voice vote. Mark will deliver the ballots and pencils to the church on Thursday.

Hal will be on the counting committee.

Patrick made a request for the board members to show up at least ½ hour early to help setup.

**New Business:**

Joe suggested we have business cards made up promoting the club. This morphed in to current and past efforts to promote the club. It was suggested the sticky labels be made up to cover mailing labels to be placed on Amateur Radio magazines. These magazines could be left in doctor and dentist offices. This was made an action item for Joe.

Pancho made a motion to have Joe proceed with the promotion, seconded by Howard. The motion passed.

**Repeater Controller.**

Mark gave presentation about the current state of the repeater and repeater controller. Dave Karr and Mark have put together a desirable feature for a replacement controller. The advantages and disadvantages of the different controllers was discussed. A used 7K controller with a digital voice recorder appears to be the best option. If a 7K controller is obtained Dave Karr will check it out.

Mark will watch the internet for 7K controller.

A motion was made by Joe to allow Mark to present to the membership the need and plan to search for a replacement controller.

The motion was seconded by Pancho. The motion passed by voice vote.

Brian objected to the motion. Brian made a motion to set a \$600 limit for the new controller. The motion was seconded by Pancho. The motion for the amendment passed.

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary  
Brian White, K9LCQ

# Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

## Board of Directors meeting

June 27, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Absent
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Late arrival
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary	Present
<b>AB9EK</b>	<b>Tom Schulte</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Presided</b>
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Director	Present
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Present
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmberg	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Present
AB9CD	Mark Tellier	Visitor	Present

### Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm by Tom, AB9EK.

### Treasurer's Report:

Tom read the treasurers report. Tom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the report. There were none. Tom called then for a motion to approve the report as read. Pancho made a motion to approve the report; it was seconded by Hal. Tom then called for a vote on the motion it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed,

**Note:** See the Treasurers report for details.

### Secretary's Report:

Brian read the meeting minutes for May BoD meeting. Brian asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none. Tom called for a motion to approve the minutes as read. Joe made a motion to approve the report; it was seconded by Hal. Tom then called for a vote on the motion it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed.

### Old Business:

#### Repeater controller:

Mark submitted a bill for \$450.06 to cover his out of pocket expense for the 7K controller, telephone interface digital audio delay module he purchased. There was an additional bill for Dave Karr for \$264.00 to cover Dave's expenses and a digital audio board. Tom called for a motion to approve the reimbursement for these individuals. Pancho made a motion to approve the payment it was seconded by Dick. Mark stated that the old controller could likely be sold on ebay to cover the overage \$114.06. The

swap of the controllers will occur when Dave Karr's schedule permits. The swap out should take approximately 30 minutes. Tom then called for a vote on the motion it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed,

**Promotional (sticky) labels:**

Joe described the price quotes he received from two vendors, Kinko's and Pip printing. Kinko's quoted 150 labels for \$36.00 and Pip quoting \$51.18 for 500 \$53.21 for 750 and \$54.60 for 1000. Joe then passed a sample around that he received the quotes on. A discussion ensued on how the Ozaukee club handles their promotion and how we could emulate their efforts. There were comments on what changes the board members felt should be changed. Joe will revise his sample label with changes suggested by board members. The label shall have the club name, club phone number, club call. The label shall not have the meeting location, website, class information or logo. The label will be presented to the membership at the July membership meeting.

**Field Day:**

Jerry commented that he could not process the log sheets in time for the meeting on Thursday. Going over the logs will take a couple of weeks. Field Day was effected by the storms that passed through, not from the lightning, but from the heavy rain. It was very loud. Mark stated that Nels and Melody would be unable to attend next year due to a wedding. It was noted that turnout of members was down from last with some members being identified as not attending who have attended in the past.

**Pioneer Village work day:**

The building that needs our assistance is wood and requires staining. Pioneer Village will provide all the materials. A discussion on available dates took place. It was decided that August 20 will be the date. Hal offered the use of a sprayer as did Brian. Howard would like a signup sheet at the membership meeting. To minimize the number of contacts that Pioneer Village has with the MRAC. Tom suggested that Mark be the contact person for this project. Tom also pointed out that in the past we have sent them a donation for \$100. Pancho made a motion to send the Ozaukee County Historical Society a check for \$100 was seconded by Tom. Tom then called for a vote on the motion it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed. Tom will send a check and thank you note. Mark informed the board that Pioneer Village opened at 8:00am rather than their customary Noon. They anticipated that there would be a large crowd at 8:00am. Next year in our promotions we need to be more specific about our times and Pioneer Village operation time. Brian made a motion that Mark be the contact person for the club concerning the staining of their building: the motion was approved by Howard. Tom then called for a vote on the motion it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed.

**July meeting:**

Tom asked if we have a program for July. Pancho volunteered Patrick to talk about radiation therapy. Pancho will talk to Patrick about availability.

**Website:**

Mark indicated he might have a source of to host our new website. Mark declined to name the provider hinting that if we looked at other Milwaukee radio club websites we would see a common thread. (*Editorial comment: There is no reason to be so secretive when discussing such issues with the board, this is amateur radio club for gosh sakes. In my humble opinion it sounds like GMT.*) Howard and Mark discussed the services the free service provides as compared to what services are provided by paid providers. Howard will have a more detailed report available to present to the membership at the July meeting.

**Classes:**

Possible class schedules were discussed. There was definitive decision. Tom stated that we need to schedule instructors before scheduling classes. We will try and recruit instructors at the meeting on Thursday.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

Tom called for a motion to adjourn. Pancho made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned: it was seconded by Brian. Tom then called for a vote on the motion it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary  
Brian White, K9LCQ

**Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club  
Board Meeting  
July 25,2005**

Members present; Pancho KA9OFA, Patrick W9UQ, Tom AB9EK, Dick W9JBE, Jerry WA9CGE, And Howard AB9FH.

Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. He announced the resignation of Joe Sturmberg.

Tom read the treasurer's report for July. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Dick to approve the report as read. Motion Passed.

Tom read the secretary report from the June Board meeting. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Jerry to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Patrick led a discussion on the label card that Joe had presented to the Board. The question was, why do we need the membership approval? We don't. There is nothing in the by-laws that say we must bring our ideas to the membership for their approval. The card issue was tabled until we have a new web page site.

Patrick also wanted to know why the party that was willing to host a free web page for the club was kept secret. We had no answer for that. Howard had some questions about a new web site. The Board suggested some items that should be included on the club's web page, such as club activities, contact information, special events, six or less copies of the Chatter, club logo, membership application and renewal form, link page and e-mail address. Howard is working on a design for a new web page and will have information on a provider, including the one mention by Mark in June, for the next Board meeting. A possible domain name would be W9RH since MRAC is not available.

Tom stated that the ARRL had sent the club a post card asking us to update the club's information page. Tom stated he had updated the page. We are good for two more years.

Jerry had a copy of the article from the July 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Ozaukee Journal. There was a picture of Les and Jim from our Field Day event. Jerry also stated that there were 12 operators at Field Day and that there were 411 QSO.

Tom stated that we have received a request from the Milwaukee Public Library for a copy of the April, May and June issues of the chatter. The library is sent a copy of the chatter every month and it seems they must have misplaced them. Tom asked the question if we should continue to send them a copy. A motion was made by Pancho stating that we should continue to send the library a copy of the Chatter. Howard seconded the motion. Tom and Jerry objected. The motion passed.

Tom stated that a number of chatters that are being sent via e-mail have bounced a number of times. Tom wanted to take them off the e-mail list and send the chatter via mail. This would increase the printing and postage cost. It was decided that we continue to send the chatter via e-mail and if it keeps coming back, a post card would be sent requesting a correct e-mail address.

No other business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectful submitted,  
Tom Schulte, AB9EK

# Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

## Board of Directors meeting

August 22, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Presided
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Present
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary	Present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Treasurer	Present
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Director	Present
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Present
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmberg	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Present
		Director	Vacant
AB9CD	Mark Tellier	Visitor	

### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM club president Patrick, W9UQ.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Tom AB9EK, read the meeting minutes for the July BOD meeting. Hal, KB9OZN, asked at what branch of the library the club sends the Chatter. Tom replied that the Chatter is sent to the main branch. Discussion on the value of sending the Chatter to the library. The discussion was tabled until later in the meeting. Patrick then called then for a motion to approve the minutes as read. Pancho KA9OFA made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Brian K9LCQ. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Tom AB9EK, read the treasurers report. Patrick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the report, there were no questions. Patrick then called then for a motion to approve the minutes as read. Pancho KA9OFA made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Hal KB9OZN. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

### **Field Day Food Expenses:**

Jerry, WA9CGE asked about the Field Day food expenses. Tom answered that the expenses were detailed in last months report.

### **CD Renewal:**

Tom explained that the club CD is up for renewal. It has a one year renewal period. The board discussed options for the CD and decided to allow the CD to renew leaving the CD

at the current location. Tom made a motion to leave the CD as is and was seconded by Pancho. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

**Michael Tyborski - KB9YXB:**

At The Last Membership Meeting Michael Tyborski (extra class) has offered to be the club public information officer. This is a position that Joe KA9DFZ had been fulfilling. After some discussion it was decided to offer the directorship to Mike. Patrick will follow-up and talk to Mike.

**Old Business:**

**Website:**

Howard reported on his investigation into a new web hosting service. Lengthy discussion occurred. Mark gave some background on GMT Communications, Inc. GMT is a local provider used by several amateur radio groups. Patrick called for a motion to register the domain name W9RH.org for 10 years. The motion was made be Pancho and seconded by Brian. The motion passed upon a voice. Howard will follow-up on the domain name registration.

**Repeater controller:**

Mark reported that the Dave Karr is still busy with projects so there has been no progress on the replacement controller.

**Pioneer Village:**

Mark reported that the Ozaukee Country Historical Society is happy with painting the club preformed.

**Technician License Class:**

Howard reported that the Technician class location has been changed to the ITT campus on 63<sup>rd</sup> and Layton Ave to accommodate the need of students attending classes there on Saturday. The time has also shifted to 2:00pm until 4:00pm. There will be 6 students four of which are ITT students.

**New Business:**

**Nets:**

KB9Q has sent a communicate suggesting the MRAC sponsor 2-meter simplex net that was published in the Chatter.

A lengthy discussion ensued considering the 10-meter and 2-meter and code practice nets. The discussion involved a change of time and frequencies of our current nets and the issue of a Net control.

The discussion was tabled to allow board members to further ponder the options.

We need to follow-up with Sherm on his suggestion on the 2-meter simplex net.

We need to think about revising the net listing Pancho will lead this effort.

**BOD meeting location:**

There was discussion on whether we should change meeting locations. It was decided that we will continue to meet at the Menominee Falls Public Library. We decided to investigate changing the church location.

**September 17:**

This a date setup to demonstrate amateur radio to the public. It was decided that it was too short of notice to organize.

**Ground Hog Party:**

Tom passed around an announcement the club had received inviting all club members as individuals to attend a Ground Hog Party of North America (dinner actually) hosted by the Watertown & Rock River Radio Clubs.

**Upcoming Membership Meeting Programs:**

Thursday - The program will be given by Howard; it will focus on the work being done on the clubs Website.

September – ???

October – ???

November – ???

December – Christmas party at the Machine Shed

We will be going back to having aboard members responsible for arranging programs for the membership meeting. Patrick will be putting the list together.

**Adjournment:**

Tom called for a motion to adjourn. Pancho made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned: it was seconded by Brian. Tom then called for a vote on the motion it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian White, K9LCQ , Secretary MRAC

# Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

## Board of Directors meeting

September 26, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Presided
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Present
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary	Present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Treasurer	Present
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Present
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Excused
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Director	Absent
TBD	Vacant	Director	Vacant

### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by club president Patrick, W9UQ.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Tom AB9EK, read the treasurers report. Patrick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the report, there were no questions. Patrick then called then for a motion to approve the report as read. Pancho made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Hal. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Brian read the meeting minutes for the August BOD meeting. Patrick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the report, there were no questions. Patrick then called then for a motion to approve the minutes as read. Pancho made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Tom. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

### **Technician License Class:**

Howard reported that the Technician class location has started and is going well been changed to the ITT campus on 63<sup>rd</sup> and Layton Ave to accommodate the need of students attending classes there on Saturday. The time has also shifted to 2:00pm until 4:00pm. There will be 6 students four of which are ITT students.

**Program Responsibility List:**

Patrick handed out a program responsibility list. This list is for the individual board members to select a date they will assume the responsibility for arranging the meeting program. The list includes the remainder of 2005 and all of 2006. A discussion of the list and potential programs followed.

**Menominee Falls Public Library board room:**

Patrick announced that the board at the Menominee Falls Public Library has been reserved through 2006.

**Michael Tyborski - KB9YXB:**

Patrick has had no luck in contacting Mike, will continue to pursue Mike to see if he is interested in the directorship. If not we will seek another individual. This has been going on for the last several weeks.

**Old Business:**

**Answering machine:**

Tom reports that there has been numerous power outages at the repeater site based upon messages found on the machine. If a power outage occurs a message is recorded by the machine that a power outage occurred.

Tom asked that the responsibility of the answering machine be turned over the VEC. Patrick will discuss this with the VEC's.

**Future meetings:**

Tom announced that he would not be at the November meeting. Brian indicated that he would not be at the October meeting. Tom will write an article for the Chatter reminding the members that their dues are up for renewal and who has already paid.

The domain name w9rh.org has not been registered yet. Howard will seek to have it registered by the next board meeting. Howard has had no discussion with N9GMT owner of GMT Communications the provider of choice.

The renewal form will be in the October and November Chatters.

**Christmas Party:**

No action taken, Patrick will stop by the Machine Shed on the way to the membership meeting and check on availability. A discussion of possible dates foolded. Will check on what days are available.

**New members:**

Tom suggested that when any new member joins in September, October, November or December their dues will include the remainder of the year and the next calendar year. The board agreed with the suggestion.

**Roster:**

The board decided to print 50 copies of the roster for distribution. Tom will follow through.

**By-laws:**

The board decided to print 50 copies of the by-laws for distribution. Tom will follow through.

Further discussion on the advisability of a members-only section on the website where sensitive documents could be accessed by the members only.

**Membership Meeting Location:**

A roundtable discussion on where a potential new meeting location might be held.

**Upcoming Membership Meeting Programs:**

Thursday - The program will be given by Dick W9JBE; it will be on contesting.

October - ???

November - Hi-way Watch

December - Christmas party at the Machine Shed

**Adjournment:**

Patrick called for a motion to adjourn. Brian made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned: it was seconded by Pancho. Patrick then called for a vote on the motion; it passed on a voice vote with no one opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian White, K9LCQ , Secretary MRAC

**AB9EK**

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**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2005 10:48 PM  
**Subject:** MRAC BOD meeting October 24, 2005

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

Board of Directors Meeting

October 24, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ Patrick Moretti President Absent  
AB9FH Howard Parks Vice President Absent  
K9LCQ Brian White Secretary Presided  
AB9EK Tom Schulte Treasurer Present  
KA9OFA Pancho Doneis Director Present  
KB9OZN Hal Newton Director Present  
TBD Vacant Director Vacant  
WA9CGE Jerry Wahlen Director Present  
W9JBE Dick Wood Director Present

There were no members or visitors in attendance.

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by club secretary Brian White K9LCQ.

Introductions:

Meeting Minutes:

The September BOD meeting minutes were read by club secretary Brian, K9LCQ. There were no additions or corrections. Brian K9LCQ called for a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Dick W9JBE. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurers Report:

The treasures report was read by club treasurer Tom, AB9EK. There were no additions or corrections. Brian K9LCQ called for a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Hal KB9OZN. The motion carried without objection.

Since it was not known that both the president and vice president would

be absent there was no agenda to follow.

Old Business:

Website:

Tom AB9EK brought up the progress on the club Website. There was a discussion concerning the progress or lack thereof. It was decided that the Website still has a ways to go. There should be no membership update presentation at the membership meeting this Thursday as stated on the club website. There were two immediate action items.

- 1.) The acknowledgement/credit to GMT must be addressed ASAP.
- 2.) The links to [www.qsl.net](http://www.qsl.net) need to be severed.

There were many suggestions to the layout of the website; these will be addressed with the webmaster as time permits.

Question does the website need a committee to oversee or to assist the webmaster?

Michael Tyborski - KB9YXB

There has still been no contact, Pancho will try to contact him at the ARRL table on Saturday at the 91 hamfest.

Membership meeting November

Brian K9LCQ still has not contacted Skip W9REL about his program on Hi-way Watch. Brian indicated that he will see W9REL on Thursday.

Membership meeting Thursday

Tom AB9Ek has 50 copies each of the By-laws and roster ready for distribution on Thursday for those who desire a copy. Each board member received a copy. Thanks to Tom and his wife for providing the copies.

Brian K9LCQ announced that he would be unable to attend the membership meeting on Thursday. Someone will need to take the minutes.

Dick W9JBE needs a video projector for the meeting on Thursday. Dick will contact Patrick. It was decided that we have procrastinated long enough; we will present to the membership our decision on the video projector. The price has fallen to below \$700.

Dick W9JBE asked about the PA system, it was thought the Patrick has it. Dick will follow through.

New Business:

YAHOO Group MRAC-W9RH

Dave WB9BWP has started a group on YAHOO open to members only. No sensitive documents such as the roster are to be posted. There are currently 14 members signed up. The Chatters from 2004 and 2005 are posted. Tom will convert the By-laws to PDF and post.

**Repeater**

Brian K9LCQ asked if anyone knew why the repeater has been shutdown lately in particular why it was off tonight.

**Inventory:**

It was felt we need to update our inventory list. This needs to be an action item.

Tom AB9EK announced that he would be unable to attend the membership meeting in November. Someone will need to take the dues payment.

Pancho KA9OFA has a receipt for an ink cartridge.

Tom AB9EK stated the insurance bill came and has been paid, will show up on next month's statement.

A discussion on the search for a new meeting place took place. Several places were checked none would work out. To expensive, to small or what hours the room would be available hours ruled them all out.

Someone will be to signup for the church Fellowship Hall on Thursday for our January meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Brian K9LCQ asked if there was any additional old or new business, there was none. Brian K9LCQ then called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Jerry WA9CGE. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian W. White, K9LCQ  
Secretary MRAC

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

Board of Directors Meeting

November 14th, 2005

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library

W9UQ	Patrick Moretti	President	Absent
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice President	Presided
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary	Present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Treasurer	Absent
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	Present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	Present
TBD	Vacant	Director	Vacant
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Director	Absent
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	Present

There were no members or visitors in attendance.

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by club Vice president Howard Parks AB9FH.

Introductions:

Meeting Minutes:

The September BOD meeting minutes were not read by club secretary Brian, K9LCQ. There were no additions or corrections based on the minutes that were emailed to the board members.

Treasurers Report:

The treasures report was not read since the treasurers report that was emailed was unofficial due to the bank statement being unavailable for a couple of days yet.

Old Business

Video Projector

We require the use of a video projector at almost every meeting. A discussion followed about video projectors. It was decide we should no longer be dependent on Patrick providing his projector. The club need it's own. We keep talking about it but never do anything about it.

Dick, W9JBE announced that the West Allis club uses an Infocus unit that

**Best Buy currently is offering for \$699.99**

Brian K9LCQ made a motion that we purchase the video projector. The motion was amended after debate not to get the extended warranty if offered. The motion was amended after debate by Hal KB9OZN that we should check other local sources. The final amended motion was seconded by Pancho, KA9OFA. The shelf price of the video projector should not exceed \$750.

Howard and Brian will stop by Office Max to check on the offerings there on their way home.

**Website**

There was a brief round discussion on the changes to the Website. There were no action items generated.

**Repeater:**

There was a brief discussion on the repeater. There were no action items generated.

**Inventory**

No Action

**New Meeting Place**

No Action

**New Business**

**Technician Class**

Brian K9LCQ, announced that the Sullivan Weather Amateur Association is going to begin a recruitment drive for non-amateurs. If successful they would like the MRAC to hold a Technician class at the weather forecast office in Sullivan.

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